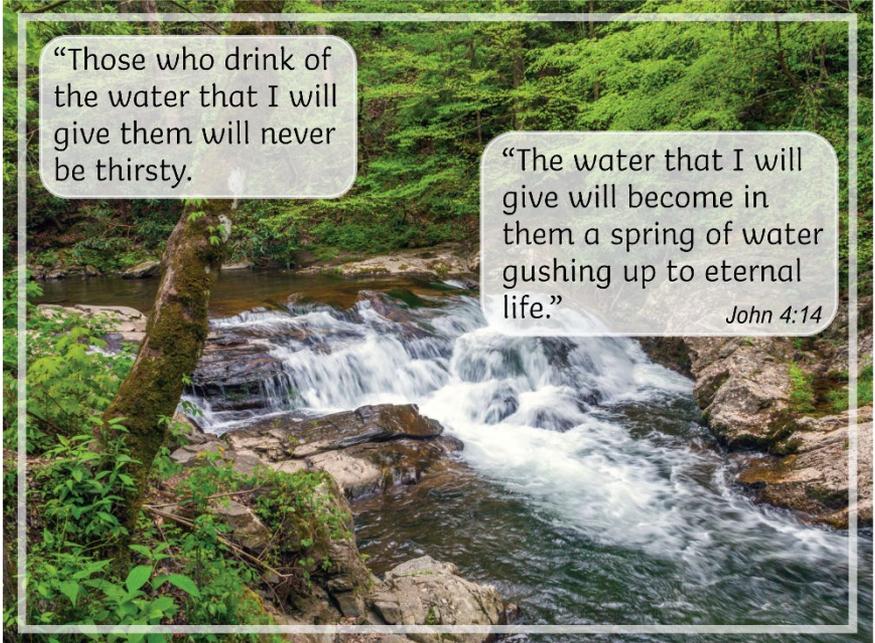


**Welcome to worship at  
The New Hanover Evangelical Lutheran Church**

**Third Sunday in Lent  
March 8, 2026**



In today's gospel the Samaritan woman asks Jesus for water, an image of our thirst for God. Jesus offers living water, a sign of God's grace flowing from the waters of baptism. The early church used this gospel and those of the next two Sundays to deepen baptismal reflection during the final days of preparation before baptism at Easter. As we journey to the resurrection feast, Christ comes among us in word, bath, and meal—offering us the life-giving water of God's mercy and forgiveness.

**Nicole Young, vicar  
Patricia Nyce, director of music ministry  
Lindsey Waltermeyer, Grace band leader**

**We love our neighbors with healing and feeding them!**

**All worship can be viewed online at  
[newhanoverlutheran.org](http://newhanoverlutheran.org)  
[facebook.com/NewHanoverLutheranChurch](https://www.facebook.com/NewHanoverLutheranChurch)  
and on YouTube.**

**May your worship experience strengthen you  
with God's love and grace.**

### **Welcome Statement**

You are always welcome at New Hanover Evangelical Lutheran Church. We are a growing community of believers in Jesus Christ, rooted in God's love and guided by Christ's example. We strive to reach out with compassion, offering a place where you can grow in faith, experience God's grace and feel safe and celebrated. At New Hanover Evangelical Lutheran Church, we want you to gather with us at our table. Rooted in our Lutheran faith and belief that we are all children of God and made in God's image, we welcome all people with dignity and love.

In Romans 15:7, Paul writes, "Accept one another, then, just as Christ accepted you, in order to bring praise to God."

By this belief, we are committed to intentionally following Jesus' example of unconditional hospitality, love and justice. Here, you are not only included, you are respected. We affirm and value people of all races, ethnicities, sexual orientations, gender identities, gender expressions, cultures, ages, abilities, body sizes, relationship statuses and economic or immigration statuses. We are committed to the ongoing work toward racial equity and inclusion in all we do. You are invited to fully participate in our worship, sacraments, leadership positions, gatherings, and ministries. In our identities, we are united by the common faith we hold, and recognize we each offer unique gifts and perspectives. We believe that this transforms lives and deepens the faith of our community.

Christ's door is open to all, so is ours.

## Welcome and Announcements

*Please rise as you are able.*

## Invocation

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

Gathering Hymn *Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty* ELW #533

## Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin before God, who removes our guilt and blots out all offenses.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Gracious God,

**have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

For seeking worldly delights that deceive us and dishonor you:

Gracious God,

**have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

For desiring self-reliance instead of hungering for your word:

Gracious God,

**have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

For failing to recognize your coming reign, and for hindering the work of the Spirit: Gracious God,

**have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

For drawing from the well of self-serving ambition, and for disdain the living water Christ offers: Gracious God,

**have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

For disregarding voices from the margin, and for distrusting signs of your healing and hope in the world: Gracious God,

**have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

For dwelling in tombs of self-pity and discontent, and for disregarding Christ's call to come forth to life: Gracious God,

**have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

God's steadfast love, grace, and forgiveness abound. Through faith, the free gift of God, you have been clothed in the righteousness of Christ. In the name of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. The Spirit of the One who raised Christ from the dead dwells in you, pours God's love into your hearts, and gives you life and peace.

**Amen.**

### Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Merciful God, the fountain of living water, you quench our thirst and wash away our sin. Give us this water always. Bring us to drink from the well that flows with the beauty of your truth through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

Centering Song      *O Come to the Altar*      Grace Band

Are you hurting and broken within  
Overwhelmed by the weight of your sin  
Jesus is calling  
Have you come to the end of yourself  
Do you thirst for a drink from the well  
Jesus is calling

*Chorus:*

O come to the altar  
The Father's arms are open wide  
Forgiveness was bought with  
The precious blood of Jesus Christ

Leave behind your regrets and mistakes  
Come today there's no reason to wait  
Jesus is calling  
Bring your sorrows and trade them for joy  
From the ashes a new life is born  
Jesus is calling

*Chorus 2x*

*Bridge:*

Oh what a Savior

Isn't he wonderful  
Oh what a Savior, Christ is greater  
Bow down before him  
For he is Lord of all  
Oh what a Savior, Christ is greater

*Chorus*

Bear your cross as you wait for the crown  
Tell the world of the treasure you've found

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*Please be seated.*

Children's Message

Janine Springer

First Reading

Exodus 17:1-7

Nance White

A reading from the book of Exodus

<sup>1</sup> From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the Lord commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. <sup>2</sup> The people quarreled with Moses and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the Lord?" <sup>3</sup> But the people thirsted there for water, and the people complained against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?" <sup>4</sup> So Moses cried out to the Lord, "What shall I do for this people? They are almost ready to stone me." <sup>5</sup> The Lord said to Moses, "Go on ahead of the people and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile and go. <sup>6</sup> I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink." Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. <sup>7</sup> He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the Lord, saying, "Is the Lord among us or not?"

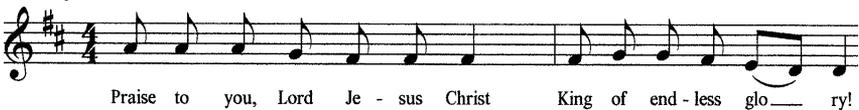
Word of God, Word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

- <sup>1</sup> Come, let us sing to the Lord;  
let us shout for joy to the rock of our salvation.
- <sup>2</sup> **Let us come before God's presence with thanksgiving  
and raise a loud shout to the Lord with psalms.**
- <sup>3</sup> For you, Lord, are a great God,  
and a great ruler above all gods.
- <sup>4</sup> **In your hand are the caverns of the earth;  
the heights of the hills are also yours.**
- <sup>5</sup> The sea is yours, for you made it,  
and your hands have molded the dry land.
- <sup>6</sup> **Come, let us worship and bow down,  
let us kneel before the Lord our maker.**
- <sup>7</sup> For the Lord is our God, and we are the people of God's pasture  
and the sheep of God's hand.  
Oh, that today you would hear God's voice!
- <sup>8</sup> **"Harden not your hearts,  
as at Meribah, as on that day at Massah in the desert.**
- <sup>9</sup> There your ancestors tested me,  
they put me to the test, though they had seen my works.
- <sup>10</sup> **Forty years I loathed that generation, saying,  
'The heart of this people goes astray;  
they do not know my ways.'**
- <sup>11</sup> Indeed I swore in my anger,  
'They shall never come to my rest.' "

*Please rise as you are able.*

Gospel Acclamation *Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ*



*"Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ" Harmony by the Rev. Andris Solims. Gregorian melody.*

Gospel

John 4:5-42

The holy gospel according to John

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>5</sup> [Jesus] came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. <sup>6</sup> Jacob's well was

there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon.

<sup>7</sup> A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, “Give me a drink.” <sup>8</sup> (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) <sup>9</sup> The Samaritan woman said to him, “How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?” (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) <sup>10</sup> Jesus answered her, “If you knew the gift of God and who it is that is saying to you, ‘Give me a drink,’ you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water.” <sup>11</sup> The woman said to him, “Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? <sup>12</sup> Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?” <sup>13</sup> Jesus said to her, “Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, <sup>14</sup> but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life.” <sup>15</sup> The woman said to him, “Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water.”

<sup>16</sup> Jesus said to her, “Go, call your husband, and come back.”

<sup>17</sup> The woman answered him, “I have no husband.” Jesus said to her, “You are right in saying, ‘I have no husband,’ <sup>18</sup> for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!” <sup>19</sup> The woman said to him, “Sir, I see that you are a prophet. <sup>20</sup> Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem.” <sup>21</sup> Jesus said to her, “Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. <sup>22</sup> You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. <sup>23</sup> But the hour is coming and is now here when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. <sup>24</sup> God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.” <sup>25</sup> The woman said to him, “I know that Messiah is coming” (who is called Christ). “When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us.” <sup>26</sup> Jesus said to her, “I am he, the one who is speaking to you.”

<sup>27</sup> Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, “What do you want?” or, “Why are you speaking with her?” <sup>28</sup> Then the woman left her water jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, <sup>29</sup> “Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?” <sup>30</sup> They left the city and were on their way to him.

<sup>31</sup> Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, “Rabbi, eat something.” <sup>32</sup> But he said to them, “I have food to eat that you do not know about.” <sup>33</sup> So the disciples said to one another, “Surely no one has brought him something to eat?” <sup>34</sup> Jesus said to them, “My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work. <sup>35</sup> Do you not say, ‘Four months more, then comes the harvest’? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting. <sup>36</sup> The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. <sup>37</sup> For here the saying holds true, ‘One sows and another reaps.’ <sup>38</sup> I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor. Others have labored, and you have entered into their labor.”

<sup>39</sup> Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman’s testimony, “He told me everything I have ever done.” <sup>40</sup> So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them, and he stayed there two days. <sup>41</sup> And many more believed because of his word. <sup>42</sup> They said to the woman, “It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Savior of the world.”

The gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Please be seated.*  
**Message**

*A moment of silence for reflection*

*Please rise as you are able.*

**Song of the Day**      *Go Light Your World*

**Grace Band**

There is a candle in ev’ry soul

Some brightly burning some dark and cold

There is a Spirit who brings a fire  
Ignites a candle and makes His home  
So carry your candle, run to the darkness  
Seek out the hopeless, confused, and torn  
Hold out your candle for all to see it  
Take your candle and go light your world  
Take your candle and go light your world

Frustrated brother, see how he's tried to  
Light his own candle some other way  
See now your sister, she's been robbed and lied to  
Still holds a candle without a flame  
So carry your candle, run to the darkness  
Seek out the lonely, the tired, and worn  
Hold out your candle for all to see it  
Take your candle and go light your world  
Take your candle and go light your world

We are a fam'ly whose hearts are blazing  
So let's raise our candles and light up the sky  
Praying to our Father in the name of Jesus  
Make us a beacon in darkest times  
So carry your candle, run to the darkness  
Seek out the helpless, deceived, and poor  
Hold out your candle for all to see it  
Take your candle and go light your world  
Carry your candle, run to the darkness  
Seek out the hopeless, confused, and torn  
Hold out your candle for all to see it  
Take your candle and go light your world  
Take your candle and go light your world

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**Apostles' Creed**  
**I believe in God, the Father almighty,**  
**creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried:  
he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Prayers of Intercession

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

The Lord's Prayer

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
forever and ever. Amen.**

Peace

Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. The peace of Christ be with you always.  
**And also with you.**

Please share a sign of peace with your neighbors.

*The people give a sign of peace to each other.*

*Please be seated.*

Offering

Choir Anthem      *My Saviour and My God*      Chancel Choir

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*The offering will be taken at this time.*

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*Please rise as you are able.*

Offertory      *Create in Me a Clean Heart*

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right  
spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your  
pres - ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re -  
store un - to me the joy of your sal - va - tion,  
and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

*"Create in Me a Clean Heart" Music: J. A. Freylinghausen, 1670-1739. Text and music are in public domain.*

*The offering is brought forward for a blessing.*

### Offering Prayer

O God, maker of heaven and earth, your steadfast love embraces all creation. You send rain and sunshine to nourish the earth and bring forth its bounty. Through these gifts of bread and wine, draw us into the death and life of your Son, who calls us to bear witness to his saving work. We ask this in Jesus' name.

**Amen.**

Sending Hymn     *Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me*                      ELW #623

### Blessing

Receive the blessing of the holy Trinity: God, who calls all things into existence, Jesus Christ, who redeems us, and the Holy Spirit, whose breath sustains creation, ✠ bless you now and always.

**Amen.**

### Dismissal

Go in peace. Believe the good news.

**Thanks be to God.**

Postlude                      *Sing Aloud, to God Our Strength*  
Robert J. Hughes

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## Announcements

### Today

**The flowers** on the altar are presented to the glory of God and in honor of their son Tyler's birthday by Joe and Lisa Caputo.

**Would you like to sponsor the bulletin, flowers, communion or devotional?** Sign up today by clicking on the link

[newhanoverlutheran.org/worship\\_signups\\_2026](https://www.newhanoverlutheran.org/worship_signups_2026) or use this QR Code. Or, contact Church Office Manager Susan Gutshall at 610-326-1335.



**Serving Today:** Marty Hauser, head usher; Doug and Bette Senne, ushers; Nance White, lector; Janine Springer, children's sermon; Richard Garcia, acolyte

**Wednesday:** Ed Becker, head usher; Monique Becker, usher

**Next Sunday:** George Trowbridge, head usher; Kyle and Kady Singley, ushers; Harry White, lector; Nicole Ewing, children's sermon; Alivia Singley, acolyte

**Altar Guild** members who are serving this month: Nancy Gross, Sue Care and Kay Kurtz.

**TODAY is the deadline to order lilies for Easter** on April 5<sup>th</sup>. The suggested donation is \$12 a plant. Order forms are available on the desk in the welcome center or order online at [https://www.newhanoverlutheran.org/lily\\_signups](https://www.newhanoverlutheran.org/lily_signups).

**The Nursery room** is located between the Welcome Center and the Fellowship Hall. Parents are welcome to use the room during worship as needed. The room provides for a comfortable play area in a joyful environment; toys and books are included. The room has access to a changing room and a private nursing room next door.

**Doors leading to fellowship hall and the education wing** remain locked during the worship service for the safety of all.

**Have a pastoral emergency?**

Contact Vicar Nikki Young at 267-329-9697.

## **This Week**

**Worship Service** – Today, 9:00 AM, sanctuary and online

**Food Drop Off** – Today, 9:00 – 10:00 AM, kitchen

**Food Delivery Pickup** – Today, 10:00 AM, kitchen door

**JAM** – Today, 10:15 – 11:15 AM, room 21

**JAM Choir Rehearsal** – Today 11:00 – 11:15 AM, room 15

**KFC Choir Rehearsal** – Today, 11:00 – 11:20 AM

**Praise Band Rehearsal** – Today, 11:20 AM, sanctuary

**Prayer Ministry** – Monday, 1:15 PM, sanctuary

**Cub Scout Pack 367** – Monday, 6:30 – 8:30 PM, rooms 1, 14, 27-34, 36-37, welcome center

**Scouts BSA Troop 367** – Tuesday, 6:30 – 8:30 PM, room 1

**Finance** – Tuesday, 7:00 PM, Zoom

**Reconciling in Christ** – Tuesday, 7:00 PM, room 37

**Women's Breakfast** – Wednesday, 8:30 AM, Shorty's Sunflower Café, Pottstown

**Food Drop Off** – Wednesday, 9:00 – 10:00 AM, kitchen

**Food Delivery Pickup** – Wednesday, 10:00 AM, kitchen door

**Endowment** – Wednesday, 10:30 AM, room 1

**Lenten Dinner** – Wednesday, 5:30 – 6:25 PM, rooms 1, 11

**Addiction 12 Step** – Wednesday, 6:00 – 7:00 PM, rooms 33-34

**Evening Prayer** – Wednesday, 6:30 – 7:00 PM, sanctuary

**Food Ministry** – Wednesday, 7:00 PM, room 37

**Chancel Choir** – Wednesday, 7:00 – 8:15 PM, room 15

**Cub Parents** – Wednesday, 7:00 PM, room 1

**District Scout** – Wednesday, 7:00 – 8:30 PM, room 37

**Handbell Choir** – Thursday, 6:15 – 7:30 PM, room 15

**Addiction 12 Step** – Thursday, 6:30 – 7:30 PM, rooms 33-34

**Men's Breakfast** – Saturday, 8:00 AM, Brookside Family Restaurant, Pottstown

**Spaghetti Dinner** - Saturday, 4:00 – 7:00 PM, rooms 1, 11

**Worship Service** – Next Sunday, 9:00 AM, sanctuary and online

**Food Drop Off** – Next Sunday, 9:00 – 10:00 AM, kitchen

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**Praise Band Rehearsal** – Next Sunday, 11:20 AM, sanctuary

**Confirmation** – Next Sunday, 1:30 – 3:30 PM, St. James, Pottstown

**Rejoicing Spirits** – Next Sunday, 2:30 – 4:00 PM, room 1 and sanctuary

**Women's Breakfast is this Wednesday, 8:30 AM** at Shorty's Sunflower Café on North Charlotte Street in Pottstown.

Reservations are needed. To reserve your seat, contact Lynn Fegley at 484-300-6281 by Tuesday noon. And don't forget, husbands are invited too.

**Continue on your journey through Lent at NHELC.** A Lenten dinner will be held on Wednesday at 5:30 PM, followed by a prayer service at 6:30 PM. Invite your family and friends to join you on Wednesdays in Lent at NHELC.

**The Men's Breakfast is this Saturday at 8:00 AM** at Brookside Family Restaurant. Come out for good food and friendly conversation. No registration is required. Any questions, contact Ron Fegley at 484-300-3025.

**Spaghetti Dinner is this Saturday, 4:00 – 7:00 PM** NHELC's annual all-you-can-eat Spaghetti Dinner will soon be here! Enjoy all the spaghetti with homemade meatballs, homemade sauce, homemade Italian bread, salad and beverage you want. Be sure to save room for ice cream and Pizzelle for dessert. BYOB. The Spaghetti Dinner is a fundraising event to help maintain the picnic grove and support youth activities. No reservation is required. Adults - \$16.00, Seniors (65 and older) - \$12.00, Children (7-12) - \$8.00, Children (6 & younger) – free

## Upcoming Events

**Lily Cross** A sponsor is needed for the lily cross displayed on Easter Sunday. An approximate cost is \$120.00. If you are interested, call or text Barbara Eisenhart at 610-316-5909.

**The annual Easter Egg Hunt** is Saturday, March 28<sup>th</sup>. Sign up using this QR Code or go to



<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F4EAFAC2CAAF4C16-62558991-easter>.

**Time to make room for spring in the church cemetery.** If you have Christmas decorations on your loved ones graves in the NHELC cemetery, please remove the decorations by Sunday, March 15<sup>th</sup>.

**The NHELC Book Club** is reading *Maybe you Should Talk to Someone* by Lori Gottlieb. Join the club for dinner and book discussion at the WQ Diner in Pottstown on Tuesday, April 7<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30 PM. Any questions about the book club, contact Sharon Tracey at [LBD36@aol.com](mailto:LBD36@aol.com).

**The 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Community Band Extravaganza** will be held at the SunnyBrook Ballroom on Saturday, March 21<sup>st</sup>, from noon – 5:00 PM. The Boyertown Alumni Concert Band and Marching Unit will host this concert. Performances by additional bands include: Oley Valley Alumni and Community Band, Wyomissing Community Band, Pottsgrove Community Band, Exeter Community Band and Quakertown Band. Tickets in advance cost \$10, or \$15 at the door. To buy tickets online, go to [SoulJoels.com](http://SoulJoels.com). SunnyBrook is located at 50 Sunnybrook Road in Pottstown.

## Help Needed

**Hams Needed** The Food Ministry is looking for ham donations for Easter. Hams may be dropped off in the kitchen on Wednesdays and Sundays between 9:00 – 10:00 AM or stop by the office Monday – Friday, 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM.

**Boyertown Area Multi-Service** NHELC is collecting non-perishable items throughout the month of March to be distributed to our neighbors in local communities. For a list of suggested items most needed by the pantry, see the March issue of *New Hanover Highlights*.

**Readers are needed** for the April 3<sup>rd</sup>, Good Friday service. A signup sheet for readers is on the desk in the welcome center.

## Want to be a member?

Fill out “Your Voice from the Pew” card, located in the pew rack and place the card in the offering plate. Check off “Interest in Church Membership.”

## Resources

**Want to keep up** with all the latest news from NHELHC? Subscribe to the bi-weekly Constant Contact communication emails. You will receive a weekly announcement on Monday and a worship reminder on Saturday. If you are not already receiving these emails, you can use this QR code and sign up today using a very simple, secure site.



**Do you enjoy the praise band songs?** Would you like to get to know them better? This [playlist](#) includes over fifty songs that our praise band has done, and more will be added in the future. You will need to download Spotify (it's free!) to listen to the songs.



**Peer Support Information** The Ferns Peer Run Respite is a local mental health non-profit resource in Montgomery County. The Ferns provides a supportive and calm environment for individuals in need and not able to interact in other available mental health resources. The Ferns is totally peer-supported and allows individuals at the respite the time they may need to recover or seek additional treatment. If you know an individual who may need this service, contact Vicar Nikki Young.

**The Peer Support Ministry** webpage on the church's website ([newhanoverlutheran.org](http://newhanoverlutheran.org)) offers resources for mental health and wellness. Visit the webpage for information.

**Mental Health and Wellness** Millions of people across the nation are affected by mental health conditions. National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) has local centers in both Reading and Lansdale. They offer in-person and online support groups. NHELHC has links with helpful information available on our website ([newhanoverlutheran.org](http://newhanoverlutheran.org)) or contact NAMI Helpline or PA Addiction Helpline directly.

**NAMI Help Line** 1-800-950-6242 is available Monday - Friday 10:00 AM to 10:00 PM ET.

Text "Helpline" to 62640 or if in crisis call or text 988.

**PA Addiction Helpline** 1-800-662-HELP (4357).

**Online live chat** offered at 1-717-216-0905 or text

## You Can Help

**Volunteers are needed** to help during the church service: Ushers, Lectors, Children's Sermons, Acolytes and Communion Assistants. Contact Faye Weidner at [omiweidner@gmail.com](mailto:omiweidner@gmail.com) or 484-929-5958 if you can help.

## Food Ministry

**Over 300,000 meals have been distributed!** NHELC's Loaves & Fishes Food Ministry is changing lives. And, you can be a part of the team. 1.) You can donate food. Drop off your donation on Wednesdays and Sundays between 9 – 10 AM. **Items most needed include: hamburger, chicken (thighs and breast meat), pasta (ziti, elbows, bowties), cheese (mozzarella, cheddar, parmesan), potatoes, fresh fruit (apples, oranges, bananas) and eggs.** 2.) Donate money through Thrivent Gift Cards. Place monetary donations on the offering plate or mail to the church. 3.) Deliver meals. Sign up at <https://www.newhanoverlutheran.org/loaves-fishes-food-ministry/>.

## Reconciling in Christ Serving All and Loving Unconditionally

In case you want any information, enter this link in your web browser:  
<https://newhanoverlutheran.org/reconciling-in-christ/> or connect using this QR Code.



## Additional Information

**Facility Use for Meetings or Events Requests** All meeting and event requests by committees, members or non-members are to be communicated to the church office manager. The request will include the date and time, purpose, amount of people attending, necessary space and equipment of the meeting or event. Given the information the meeting or event will be posted on the church calendar by the church office manager (only). Providing an announcement for the bulletin, newsletter or social media posting does not constitute a request or guarantee a space.

There is a Facility Use policy, and fees do apply in some cases. In no case will fees be waived. Deposits are required to hold the space, date and time. If the meeting or event is not posted on the church calendar or you do not place a deposit if necessary, you do not have permission to use the space. Contact Susan Gutshall, church office manager at (610) 326-1335, or email her at [susan.gutshall@newhanoverlutheran.org](mailto:susan.gutshall@newhanoverlutheran.org) for requests or information.

## Prayer Requests

**Military:** Shawn Dietz, Kevin Dugan, Jason Bernhard, Craig Geiser, Patrick Mathias, Steven Kane, William Zearfoss, Will Wilson V, Milton Jack Repa, Kyle Woods, Danny Foust

Peace for violence in our area and nationally

Keeley Staples	Logan Conley	Katy Mahon-Miller
Luann Hanley	William Trotter	Kathy Kane
Maxwell Girard	Pat Fryer	Jean Renninger
Pr. Kork Moyer	Julia Hauck	Tony Mancini
Raul Castro	Amy LeVan	Jeffrey Kunsch
Wilma Lahr	Melissa	Mary Lou
Doug Weaver	Dorothy Bingaman	Emily Ocelus
Eric & Wendy Hess	Sue Care	Deb Matthews
Marceline	Anne Eshleman	Daniel Johnson
Chris Fatzinger	Pena family	Kim Frain
Jen Perez	Frank D.	Pam Helfrich
Barb & Tom Faust	Andy Van Dyke	Janet
Pam Abbott	Holli Muffler	Louise Karns
Pr. Jennifer Phelps	Verdie Smith	Helen Foulke
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Lucille Powell	Joan Scheffey	Chuck Beck
Rich Freed	Joe	Joe
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Paul Knauer	Suzanne Dodge	Dave Pollock
Julia Ghazi	Ray Feick	Steve Morriss
Jennifer, Brendt, Declan & Conor Budnick	Vicki Mutter	Linda Adams
Carol Feick	Alice Nester	Linda Adams
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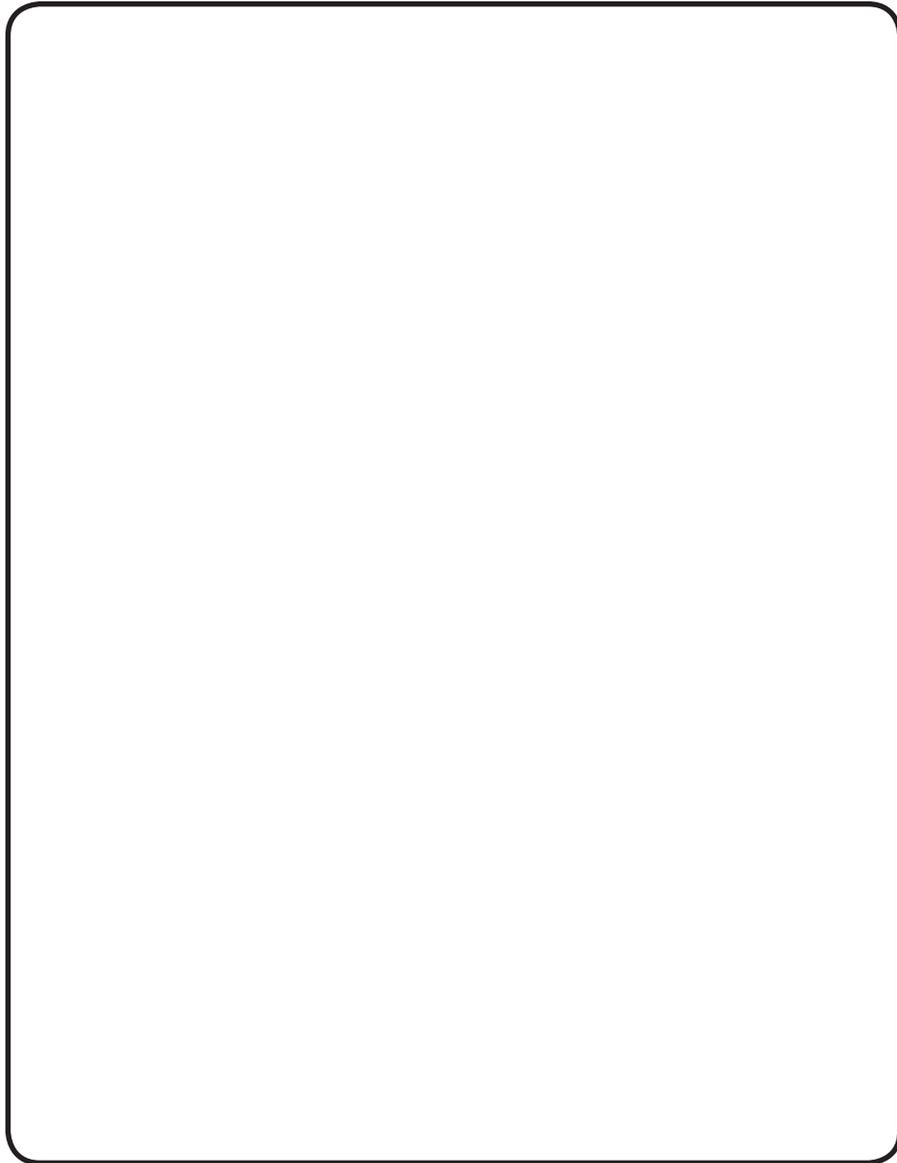
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Look around your worship space. Do you see anything that is purple?

**Draw the things that you see that are purple.**

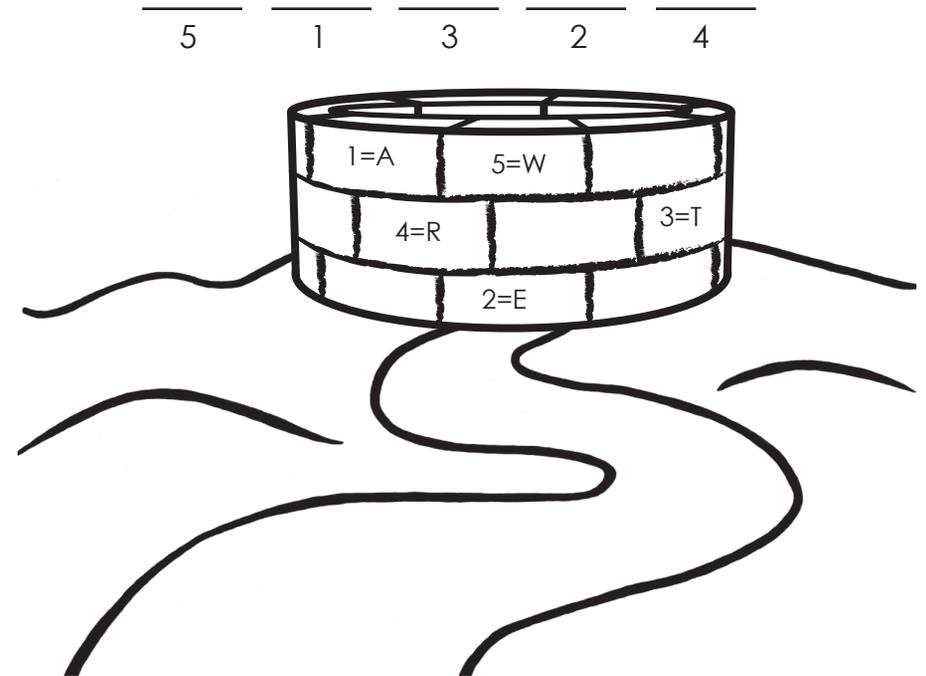


# PRE-READER

Lent 3

- Today is the **3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday** in **Lent**.
- The color for Lent is **purple**.
- Purple is the color **kings** and **queens** wear.
- During Lent, we remember that **Jesus is our king!**

**Use the clues in the bricks to find out what the woman learned.**



Jesus is the living \_\_\_\_\_.



The woman ran all over town telling people about what she had seen and heard.

The woman at the well saw Jesus and knew he was the **Messiah**.

A **messiah** is someone who comes to **lead** and to **save people**.

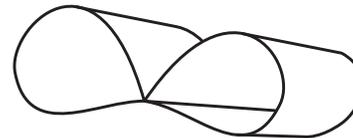
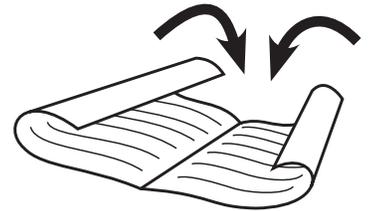
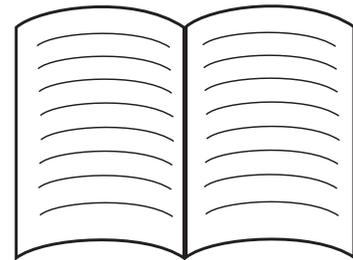
Jesus came to **teach** us about God and to **show** us how to live.

We can **trust and follow** Jesus.



The woman at the well looked at Jesus and knew he was the **Messiah**.

Try this new way of looking. Does the world look any different?



Look around the sanctuary. Do you see anything that is purple? Is anyone wearing purple today?

Write down things you see in the sanctuary that start with the letters in the word P-U-R-P-L-E.

P  
U  
R  
P  
L  
E



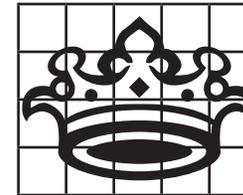

# READER

Lent 3

- This is the **third Sunday** in Lent.
- The color for Lent is **purple**.
- Purple is a color that **kings** and **queens** wear.
- During Lent, we remember that **Christ is a king**.

## A New Kind of King

Use the grid to help you draw a larger version of the crown.




We kn\_\_w \_\_ha\_\_ \_\_his  
is \_\_ruly \_\_he Savi\_\_r \_\_f  
\_\_he w\_\_rld. J\_\_hn 4:42b

### Memory Verse



There are letters missing in this memory verse. Use the clues below to find the missing letters. Then use them to complete the memory verse.

Jesus died on a \_\_\_\_\_. A \_\_\_\_\_ looks like the letter \_\_\_\_\_.

Jesus is the Savior of the whole \_\_\_\_\_. The shape of the \_\_\_\_\_ looks like the letter \_\_\_\_\_.

### Spell out the King

How many words can you make from King Jesus is Messiah? Write them in the space below.

#### KING JESUS IS MESSIAH

kiss \_\_\_\_\_

hinge \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Purple dye originally came from shellfish. It took almost 12,000 shellfish to make 1.5 grams of pure purple dye.



### Did You Know?

### If the Crown Fits

The woman at the well recognized that **Jesus** was the **Messiah**. She realized that he was a **different kind of king**. The woman wanted to **tell everyone** about Jesus.

There are a lot of ways to tell that someone is a king or queen. Some kings wear crowns or carry scepters. Some queens wear royal robes or rings with jewels. The woman at the well recognized Jesus as the king and the Messiah without any of these things!

Below are symbols of royalty and symbols for water. Use them to fill in the Sudoku. Make sure that there's only one of each symbol in each line and column.

## Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty



1 O - pen now thy gates of beau - ty, Zi - on, let me en - ter there,  
2 Gra - cious God, I come be - fore thee; come thou al - so un - to me;  
3 Here thy praise is glad - ly chant-ed, here thy seed is du - ly sown;  
4 Thou my faith in - crease and quick-en, let me keep thy gift di - vine;  
5 Speak, O God, and I will hear thee, let thy will be done in - deed;



where my soul in joy - ful du - ty waits for God who an - swers prayer.  
where we find thee and a - dore thee, there a heav'n on earth must be.  
let my soul, where it is plant-ed, bring forth pre - cious sheaves a - lone,  
how - so - e'er temp - ta - tions thick-en, may thy word still o'er me shine  
may I un - dis - turbed draw near thee while thou dost thy peo - ple feed.



Oh, how bless-ed is this place, filled with so - lace, light, and grace!  
To my heart, oh, en - ter thou, let it be thy tem - ple now!  
so that all I hear may be fruit - ful un - to life in me.  
as my guid - ing star through life, as my com - fort in all strife.  
Here of life the foun - tain flows; here is balm for all our woes.

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# O Come To The Altar

(as published by Elevation Worship)

Words and Music by  
Steven Furtick, Chris Brown,  
Wade Joye and Mack Brock

**INTRO** **VERSE 1 & 2**

♩ = 140

B E B E B

1. Are you hurt-  
2. Leave be - hind

E B E G#m

ing and bro - ken with - in, o - ver - whelmed by the weight of your sin? Je - sus is  
your re - grets and mis - takes. Come to - day; there's no rea - son to wait. Je - sus is

E B E B

call - ing. Have you come to the end of your - self, do you thirst  
call - ing. Bring your sor - rows and trade them for joy; From the ash -

**CHORUS**

E G#m E B (1st x only)

for a drink from the well? Je - sus is call - ing. O come to  
es a new life is born. Je - sus is call - ing.

C#m G#m E B C#m

the al - tar; the Fa - ther's arms are o - pen wide. For - give - ness was bought with

**INSTRUMENTAL 1**

24 **1**

G#m E B E B E

the pre - cious blood of Je - sus Christ.

**CHORUS**

30 **2**

E B C#m G#m E

blood of Je - sus Christ. O come to the al - tar; the Fa - ther's arms are o - pen wide.

**INSTRUMENTAL 2**

35

B C#m G#m E B

For - give - ness was bought with the pre - cious blood of Je - sus Christ.

**BRIDGE**

40

G#m E B

Oh, what a Sav - ior, is - n't he

47

G#m E B

won - der - ful; Sing al - le - lu - ia, Christ is ris - en. Bow down be -

53

G#m E B

fore him, for he is Lord of all; Sing al - le - lu - ia, Christ is ris - en.

**CHORUS**

60 1 2 B C#m G#m E

Oh, what a O come to the al - tar; the Fa - ther's arms are o - pen wide.

66 B C#m G#m E

For - give - ness was bought with the pre - cious blood of Je - sus Christ.

**INSTRUMENTAL 3**

B C#m G#m E B

**VERSE 3**

76 B E B

3. Bear your cross as you wait for the crown; Tell the world

**ENDING**

81 A E/G# B E B E B

of the trea - sure you've found. \_\_\_\_\_

# Go Light Your World

Words and Music by  
Chris Rice

## VERSE 1

♩ = 66

A $\flat$  Eb/G

There is a can - dle in ev - 'ry soul; Some bright - ly burn -

3 Db/F Eb/sus Eb A $\flat$  Eb/G A $\flat$ /C

ing, some dark and cold. There is a Spir - it who brings a fi - re, ig - nites a

## CHORUS 1 & 2

7 D $\flat$  B $\flat$ m/E $\flat$  A $\flat$  D $\flat$ /E $\flat$  A $\flat$  A $\flat$ 2/C D $\flat$ 2

can - dle and makes His home. So, car - ry your can - dle, run to the dark - ness, seek out the  
So, car - ry your can - dle, run to the dark - ness, seek out the

11 A $\flat$ /E $\flat$  Eb D $\flat$ 2/F Eb/G A $\flat$  A $\flat$ 2/C D $\flat$ 2

hope - less, con - fused and torn. Hold out your can - dle for all to see it. Take your  
lone - ly, the tired and worn. Hold out your can - dle for all to see it. Take your

15 A $\flat$ /E $\flat$  Eb7sus Eb7 C7/E Fm D $\flat$ 2 A $\flat$ /E $\flat$  B $\flat$ m7/E $\flat$  A $\flat$   
2nd time to Coda  $\Phi$

can - dle and go light your world. Take your can - dle and go light your world.  
can - dle and go light your world. Take your

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**VERSE 2**

19  $D^b/A^b$   $A^b$   $E^b/G$   $D^b/F$

Frus - trat - ed broth - er, see how he's tried to light his own can - dle some oth - er way.

23  $A^b/E^b$   $E^b$   $A^b$   $E^b/G$   $A^b2/C$

See now your sis - ter, she's been robbed and lied to, still holds a

26  $D^b$   $E^b7sus$   $A^b$   $B^bm/E^b$  *D.S. al Coda*

can - dle with - out a flame. So, car - ry your

28  $A^b/E^b$   $B^bm7/E^b$   $E$

can - dle and go light your world.

**VERSE 3**

30  $D2/F\#$   $E/G\#$   $A$   $E/G\#$

We are a fam - 'ly whose hearts are blaz - ing, so let's raise our

33  $D/F\#$   $Esus$   $E$   $A$

can - dles and light up the sky. Pray - ing to our Fa - ther, in the name of Je -

**CHORUS 3**

36  $E/G\#$   $A2$   $A2/C\#$   $D$   $D/E$   $A$   $Bm7/E$   $A$   $A2/C\#$

sus, make us a bea - con in dark - est time. So, car - ry your can - dle, run to the  
can - dle, run to the

40 D2 A/E E D2/F# E/G#

dark - ness, seek out the help - less, de - ceived and poor. Hold out your  
 dark - ness, seek out the hope - less, con - fused and torn. Hold out your

43 A A2/C# D2 A/E E A Bm7/E

can - dle for all to see it. Take your can - dle and go light your world. Car - ry your  
 can - dle for all to see it. Take your

47 A/E Bm7/E C#7/E# F#m D2 A/E Bm7/E

can - dle and go light your world. Take your can - dle and go light your

**ENDING**

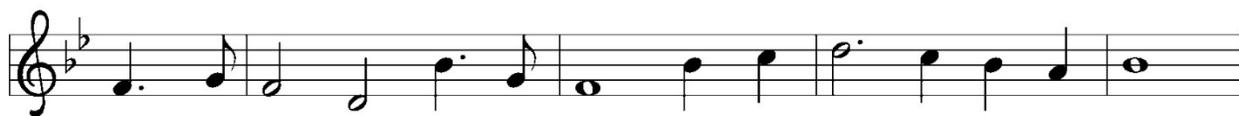
A A2/C# D2 Bm/E E7 A

world.

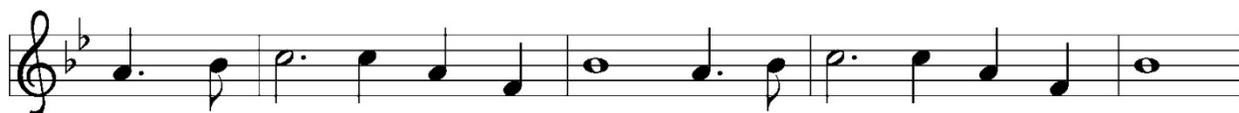
Mmm.

Mmm. \_\_\_\_\_

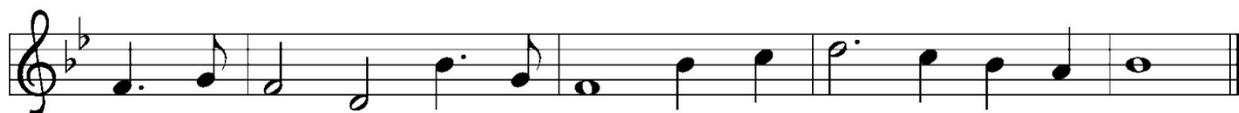
## Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me



- 1 Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, let me hide my - self in thee;
- 2 Not the la - bors of my hands can ful - fill thy law's de - mands;
- 3 Noth - ing in my hand I bring; sim - ply to thy cross I cling.
- 4 While I draw this fleet - ing breath, when mine eye - lids close in death,



let the wa - ter and the blood, from thy riv - en side which flowed,  
could my zeal no res - pite know, could my tears for - ev - er flow,  
Na - ked, come to thee for dress; help - less, look to thee for grace;  
when I soar to worlds un - known, see thee on thy judg - ment throne,



be of sin the dou - ble cure; cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.  
all for sin could not a - tone; thou must save, and thou a - lone.  
foul, I to the foun - tain fly; wash me, Sav - ior, or I die.  
Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, let me hide my - self in thee.

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